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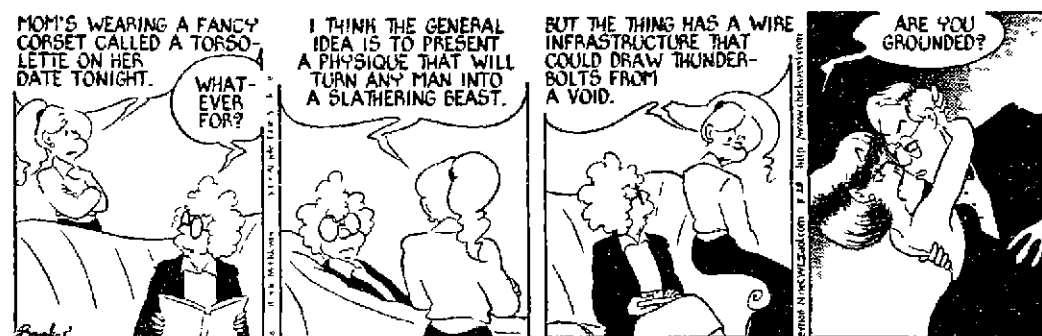
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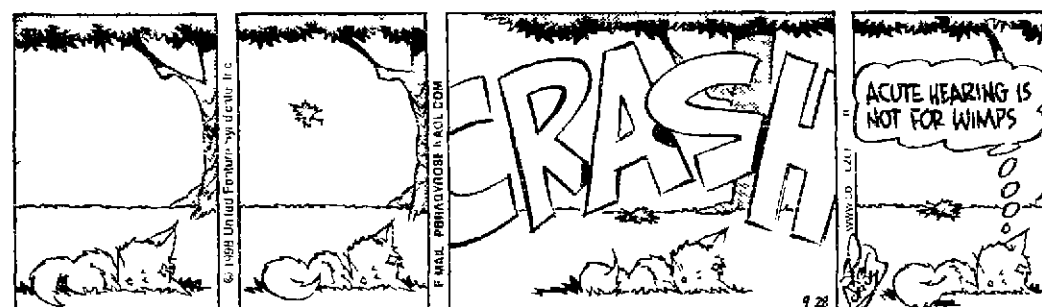
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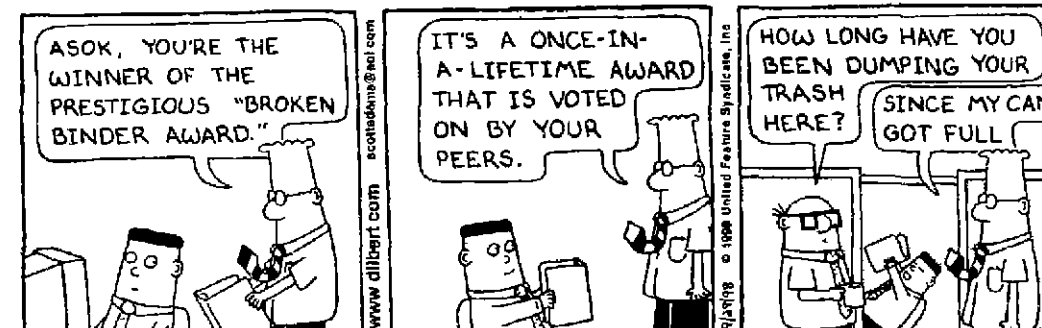
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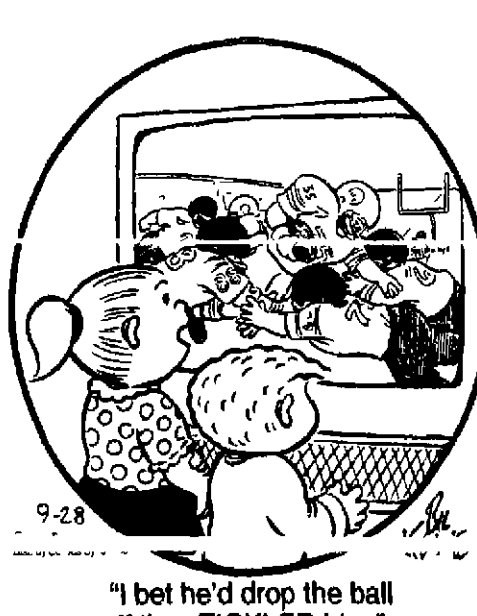
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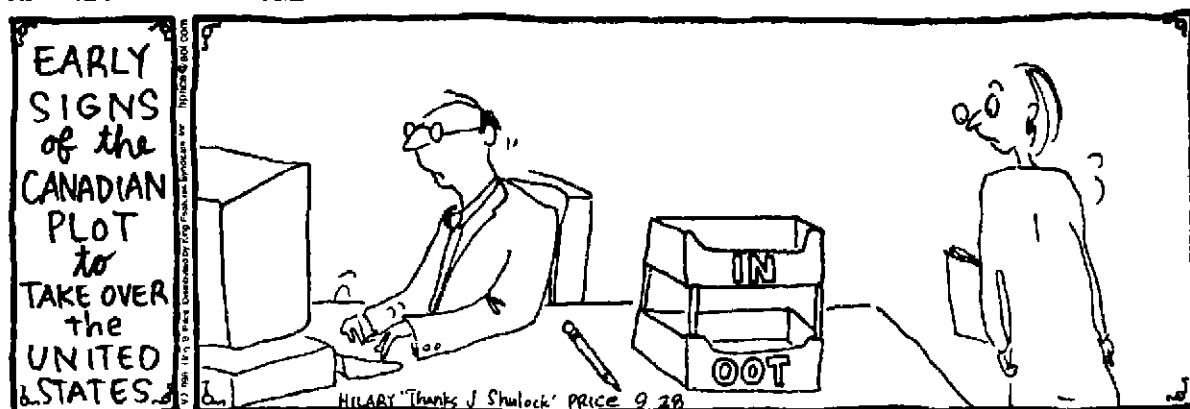
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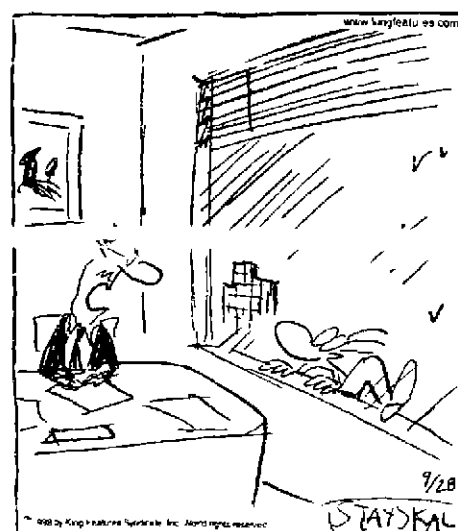
FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Actor William Windom is 75.
Actor Arnold Stang is 73.
Country singer Tommy Collins is 68.

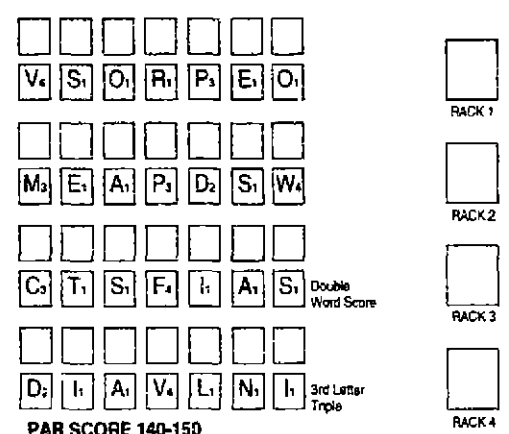
dot is 64.
Blues singer Koko Taylor is 63.
Singer Ben E. King is 60.
Actress Sylvia Kristel is 46.
Actress-comedian Janeane Garofalo is 34.
Country singer Matt King is 32.
TV personality Moon Zappa is 31.
Actress Mira Sorvino is 28.

I NEED HELP



Martha Lemmer finds the needle in the haystack.

SCRABBLE



PAR SCORE 140-150
by JUDD

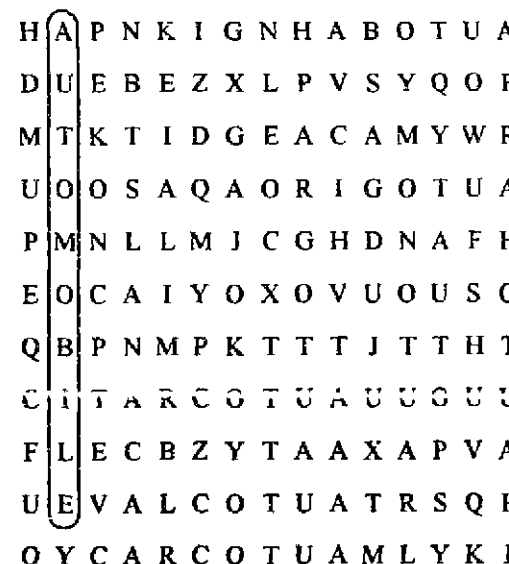
FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 in 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7 letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrill-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 9-28-98 © 1998 United Feature Syndicate Inc.

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WORD SLEUTH

Autos



Saturday's unlisted clue: VERBOTEN

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Monday's unlisted clue hunt: GERMAN EXPRESSWAY

Autocade Autocraft Autoharp Autonomy
Autoclave Auto-dial Automat Autopilot
Autogiro Automate Autopilot
Autocrat Autograph Automobile Autopsy

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HOROSCOPE

For Tuesday, Sept. 29, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Suddenly everyone turns to you for answers. Employers and managers are paying close attention to your actions. **TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Roll up your sleeves and prepare to do a little hard work. Material goals are within your reach. **GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Others are not on your wavelength. A little solitary adventure will go a long way in lifting your spirits. **CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Traffic jams are likely to feature in your day, and emotional conflicts will need to be met head-on. **LEO** (July 23 to Aug. 22) While dramatic comments cause a laugh, they might leave a lingering and unwanted impression. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Creativity will flow better in a group situation, so be sure to put your heads together. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Relationship woes rear their ugly head yet again. Maintain a cool demeanor when discussing emotionally volatile issues. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) People appreciate your loud, clear voice and excellent choice of words. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) A casual comment hits a little too close to the bone, creating a rift between you and a loved one. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Should you find yourself the center of attention, be sure to make the most of the occasion. Resist giving in to a temptation. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Pay attention to subliminal messages. When it comes to affairs of the heart, the answers are always totally rational. **PISCES** (Feb. 19 to March 20) You are invited to join some friends in high places. Make the most of the exquisite adventure that will surely follow.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

'Well played' complimented a happy North and a benevolent East. West was not as exuberant and found neither one. West led his club king and East mistakenly signaled with his jack. West continued with his ace and another club, expecting East to ruff the third round. Instead, South ruffed and cashed his king of trumps. Next he cashed his top hearts, ruffed a heart and led a second trump to dummy's ace. With the table set, South's game was now secure. He led a diamond from dummy, covering whatever card East played. East valiantly put up his 10, and South's queen went to West's king. This left West with no safe lead, and South had his 10 tricks. East's play of the club jack at trick one was a blunder. He should have dropped his queen under West's king. (East's play of the queen would promise the jack or a singleton.) West could then confidently underlead his club ace at trick two and a diamond shift by East would eliminate any enplan on West. The other way to beat the game was not as clear. If West switches to a trump at trick two and either defender leads a second trump after winning the second club, the endplay will not succeed. South will be able to eliminate the heart suit, but dummy's trump holding will be one trump short of doing the job.

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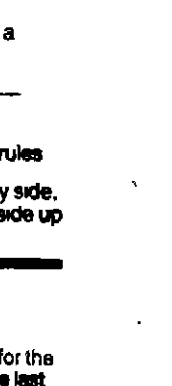
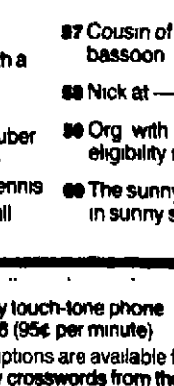
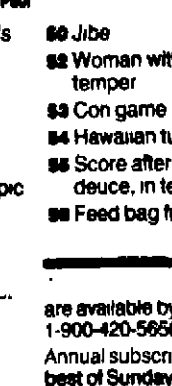
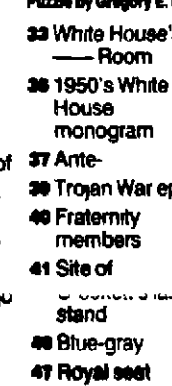
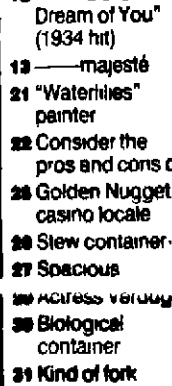
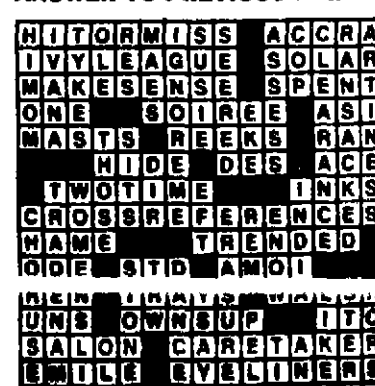
ACROSS

- 1 Help at a heist
- 5 Calls to a shepherd
- 9 Deadly
- 14 Easy gait
- 15 Qualified
- 16 Functional
- 17 Trebek of "Jeopardy!"
- 18 Spot on a radar screen
- 19 Fancy British car, informally
- 20 Walt Disney's first sound cartoon
- 23 Ana, e.g.
- 24 Wiggly fish
- 25 TV adjunct
- 28 Unbeatable rival
- 31 Downward bend
- 34 Lose underpinnings
- 36 Time delay
- 37 Catherine, wife of Henry VIII
- 38 Life of the party
- 42 Pinnacle
- 43 Mystery writer Deighton
- 44 Lend — Act
- 45 Shade of blue
- 46 Late, great crooner
- 48 Reading room
- 50 One — time
- 51 Surrounds, with "in"
- 53 Show girl's suitor
- 61 Inner circle
- 62 "Peek —!"
- 63 Puerto —
- 64 Durant who co-wrote "The Story of Civilization"
- 65 Singer Braxton
- 66 List shortener
- 67 Greenbacks
- 68 In the public eye
- 69 Watered-down

DOWN

- 1 Word of regret
- 2 Length of fabric
- 3 Blunted blade
- 4 Lone Star State
- 5 Talk nonsensically
- 6 Flowering
- 7 Labor —
- 8 Inter Day's mo
- 9 Avenging spirits of mythology
- 10 Wake Island, e.g.
- 11 Cash drawer
- 12 — Do is Dream of You" (1934 hit)
- 13 — majesty
- 21 "Waterlilies" painter
- 22 Consider the pros and cons of
- 23 Golden Nugget casino locale
- 24 Stew container
- 27 Spacious
- 33 White House's — Room
- 36 1950's White House monogram
- 37 Ant-
- 38 Trojan War epic
- 40 Fraternity members
- 41 Site of —
- 42 — stand
- 43 Blue-gray
- 47 Royal seat

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



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